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RECYCLING CHALLENGE 2004

Results of the 20th Annual Aluminum School Recycling Challenge

The Department of Health's (DOH) 2004 School Recycling Challenge inspired over 12,400 students to turn trash into reusable resource and contribute to the health of the environment. Participating elementary school students representing 48 schools statewide collected over 1,400,000 aluminum cans. That's more than one can for every resident in Hawai'i!

The DOH partnered with Reynolds Recycling and Recycle Hawai'i to promote year-round school recycling as one way to reduce waste, clean the "aina, and raise funds. Prizes included cash awards to winning schools and plaques made of recycled glass. Special thanks goes to Domino's Pizza and K-Mart for donations of food coupons and school supplies as prizes for the students.

The 2004 winning schools on Oahu are:

School	Cans/Student	Award
Pearl Ridge Elementary	289	Large Category - 1st place
Moanalua Elementary	122	Large Category - 2nd place
Mililani Mauka Elementary	84	Large Category - 3rd place
Kalei"opu"u Elementary	43	Large Category - Honorable Mention
Pearl City Highlands Elementary	391	Medium Category - 1st place
Manoa Elementary	186	Medium Category - 2nd place
Waikiki Elementary	126	Medium Category - 3rd place
Messiah Lutheran	247	Small Category - 1st place
Wailupe Valley School	212	Small Category - 2nd place
Sunset Beach Christian School	119	Small Category - 3rd place

Top recyclers on the neighbor islands include Kua O Ka La Public Charter School (865 cans per student), Honaunau School (150 cans per student), Kealakehe Elementary (45 cans per student), St. Catherine Catholic School (148 cans per student), Koloa School (50 cans per student) and St. Theresa School (692 cans per student).

The DOH encourages schools to develop their own year-round recycling programs. Interested schools may contact the Department of Health at 586-4226 for more information.

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